

Title 10 – Department of Health

Subtitle 41

Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists

Chapter 12 Supervision of Students

.01 Scope.

This chapter governs procedures and matters for licensed audiologists and speech-language pathologists supervising students enrolled in a graduate program for audiology or speech-language pathology.

.02 Definitions.

A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

B. Terms Defined.

(1) "Direct supervision" means on-site and personal oversight by an individual licensed under Health Occupations Article, Title 2, Annotated Code of Maryland, who assumes responsibility for another individual's conduct, whether it is consistent or fails to be consistent with the professional standards and provisions set forth in Health Occupations Article, Title 2, Annotated Code of Maryland.

(2) "On-site" means present and working within the specific facility where the supervised student is evaluating the patient.

(3) "Supervisor" means the licensed individual who is employed by the facility and works on site.

.03 Supervision.

A. The supervisor shall provide direct on-site supervision of the student at all times.

B. The supervisor is personally responsible for each patient the student evaluates and treats.

C. Signing of Patient Reports.

(1) Both supervisor and student shall sign reports with their full name and credentials.

(2) A student may sign with the highest degree earned.

- (3) A student may not sign with credentials for a degree they are currently pursuing.
- (4) The title or designation of "student" shall be placed after the student's name in the report statement.
- (5) The supervisor shall sign all electronic records that only accept one signature.
- D. A supervisor may not supervise more than the equivalent of two full-time students per day in off-site placements from a university.
- E. A licensed audiologist or speech-language pathologist with clinical experience and credentials that meet the standards of the individual university program shall provide clinical supervision and mentoring.
- F. The licensed audiologist or speech-language pathologist acting as a supervisor shall have 3 years post-degree clinical experience, including clinical fellowship.

.04 Exceptions.

A. An audiology student who is enrolled full-time as a 4th-year doctoral student at a university and has completed 375 clinical training hours with 100 percent direct on-site supervision may utilize the following schedule as a minimum for supervision:

- (1) For 3 months or the first $\frac{1}{3}$ of the 4th year of clinical work, whichever is longer—90 percent on-site supervision;
- (2) For 3 months or the second $\frac{1}{3}$ of the 4th year of clinical work, whichever is longer—75 percent on-site supervision; and
- (3) For 3 months or the last $\frac{1}{3}$ of the 4th year of clinical work, whichever is longer—50 percent on-site supervision.

B. A supervisor shall be available either on site or by telephone for consultation at all times.

C. An audiology student who is enrolled full-time as a fourth year doctoral student at a university and holds a hearing aid dispenser license shall follow the requirements of §A of this regulation while working toward the degree.